

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 3-5, 7-8, 10-14 and 16, cancel claims 2, 6, 9, 15 and 17 without prejudice or disclaimer and add new claims 18-19 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A magazine for firearm comprising:

(a) ___a housing having a front wall, a back wall, side walls connecting said front wall to said back wall, and a base member attached to said housing, said base member defining a recess configured to be accessible from outside of said housing;

(b) a follower mounted inside said housing and arranged for carrying a plurality of cartridges;

(c) ___a spring mounted inside said housing and operatively connected to said follower and adapted to bias the follower~~receive a plurality of cartridges and being biased against said cartridges,~~ said spring being of having a generally spiral configuration, said spring includes including a plurality of spirals ~~and wherein said plurality of spirals~~that generally fit inside each other when being pressed against said cartridges; and, said spring resting directly on said base member and terminating in a downwardly bent section that is removably engaged with said recess of said base member.

~~(c) a loader mounted inside said housing and operatively connected to said spring for enabling carrying of said cartridge and operatively positioning said cartridge.~~

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) The magazine as set forth in claim 1 wherein said bent section is a U-shaped ~~like~~ section.

4. (Currently Amended) The magazine as set forth in claim 1 wherein said plurality of spirals ~~having various~~ have different lengths.

5. (Currently Amended) A magazine for firearm comprising:

(a)___a housing having a front wall, a back wall, side walls connecting said front wall to said back wall, and a base member attached to said housing, said base member defining a recess configured to be accessible from outside of said housing;

(b)___a spring mounted inside said housing and resting directly on said base member, said spring terminating in a downwardly bent section that is removably engaged with said recess of said base member ~~adapted to receive bullets and being biased against said bullets, said spring being adapted to be received in a recess in said base;~~ and

(c)___a ~~loader~~ follower mounted inside said housing and operatively connected to said spring for enabling carrying and operative positioning of said cartridge cartridges ~~and operatively positioning said cartridge.~~

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) The magazine as set forth in claim 6 wherein said bent section is a U-shaped ~~like~~ section.

8. (Currently Amended) The magazine as set forth in claim 5 wherein said spring includes a plurality of spirals and wherein said plurality of spirals generally fit inside each other when ~~being~~ pressed against said ~~cartridge cartridges~~, said plurality of spirals including a first spiral section, a second spiral section and a third spiral section that terminates with downwardly bent section, and wherein said third spiral section is longer than said first and second sections.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) The magazine as set forth in claim

9-8 wherein said third spiral section generally rests on said base member.

11. (Currently Amended) A magazine for firearm

comprising:

(a)___a housing having a front wall, a back wall, side walls connecting said front wall to said back wall, and a base member attached to said housing, said base member defining a recess configured to be accessible from outside of said housing, and wherein said housing being adapted to receive a spring in a recess in said base, said spring being adapted to receive a cartridge and being biased against said cartridge;

(b) a spring received within said housing and having an end that is removably engaged with said recess; and

(b)___a ~~loader~~ follower mounted inside said housing and adapted to be operatively connected to said spring for enabling carrying and operative positioning of said at least one cartridge and operatively positioning said cartridge.

12. (Currently Amended) The magazine as set forth in claim

11 wherein said spring terminates with a bent section ~~adapted to be received in that~~ is removably engaged with said recess of said base member.

13. (Currently Amended) The magazine as set forth in claim 12 wherein said bent section is a U-shaped ~~like~~ section.

14. (Currently Amended) The magazine as set forth in claim 11 wherein said spring includes a plurality of spirals and wherein said plurality of spirals generally fit inside each other when being pressed against said at least one cartridge.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) A magazine for firearm comprising:

(a) ___a housing having a front wall, a back wall, side walls connecting said front wall to said back wall, and a base member attached to said housing, said base member defining a recess configured to be accessible from outside of said housing;

(b) ___a spring mounted inside said housing ~~and adapted to receive a plurality of cartridges and being biased against said cartridges, said spring being of a generally spiral, said spring includes~~including a plurality of spirals ~~and wherein,~~ said spring movable between ~~has~~ a first extended position and a second retracted position, wherein said spring has a height in said second retracted position less than ~~the~~ a sum of the thickness of said plurality of spirals, and wherein said spring

terminates with a downwardly bent section that is removably engaged with said recess; and

(c) a ~~loader~~—~~follower~~ mounted inside said housing and operatively connected to said spring for enabling carrying and operative positioning of said cartridge ~~and operatively positioning said cartridge~~.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (New) The magazine as set forth in claim 1, wherein said base member is attached to said housing for sliding movement relative to said housing, and said downwardly bent section of said spring and said recess are located in a plane extending transversely to the direction of sliding movement of said base member.

19. (New) The magazine as set forth in claim 1, wherein said base member is plate-shaped and includes a planar inner support surface that extends to a rear rim of said base member and said recess is adjacent to a front end of said support surface opposite to said rear rim.